(a) whether Ayurvedic doctors posted in various dispensaries at Delhi are not being transferred regularly, as per transfer policy;

(b) whether a number of doctors remained at a single place from 1986 to 1996, as per the statement of Additional Director, CGHS South Zone;

(c) if so, the reasons for not complying with the transfer policy of Government; and

(d) by when Government propose to transfer such doctors who are placed for more than five years at a single place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) to (d) Generally, the Ayurvedic doctors posted in various CGHS dispensaries are transferred as per transfer policy. All the doctors who have completed their prescriber tenure in a CGHS dispensary have been transferred except the doctors posted in Gurgaon. These doctors could not be transferred due to administrative exigencies and in public interest.

Apex Committees to Control Population

524. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the India Medical Assoication has recommended setting up of an Apex Committee, headed by Prime Minister, to tackle the populatioin crisis; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Taking into consideration suggestions from various Committees and Group of Experts, a draft National Policy has been prepared and submitted for Government's apporoval. This Policy seeks to address all relevant issues for reaching the desired goal of population stabilisation within the shortest possible time.

Scheme for Proper Health Services in Assam

525. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any sheeme to provide proper health services in North-east, particularly in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of programmes to be implemented to achieve the target fixed by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) to (c) Though health is a State subject, this Ministry has been engaged in assisting States to combat major communicable and non-communicable diseases. Several National Health Programmes are accordingly being implemented as Centrally Sponsored Schemes aimed mainly at reduction of mortality and morbidity caused by major diseases. The major health schemes inter-alia include National programmes for the control/eradication of Malaria, Blindness, Leprosy, Tuberculosis, AIDS and National Family Welfare Programme etc. These Programmes are implemented throughout the country including North East Region.

Central assistance is mainly provided to supplement the resources of the State Government for Control/Eradication of diseases through supply of drugs, establishment of diagnostic facilitities etc.